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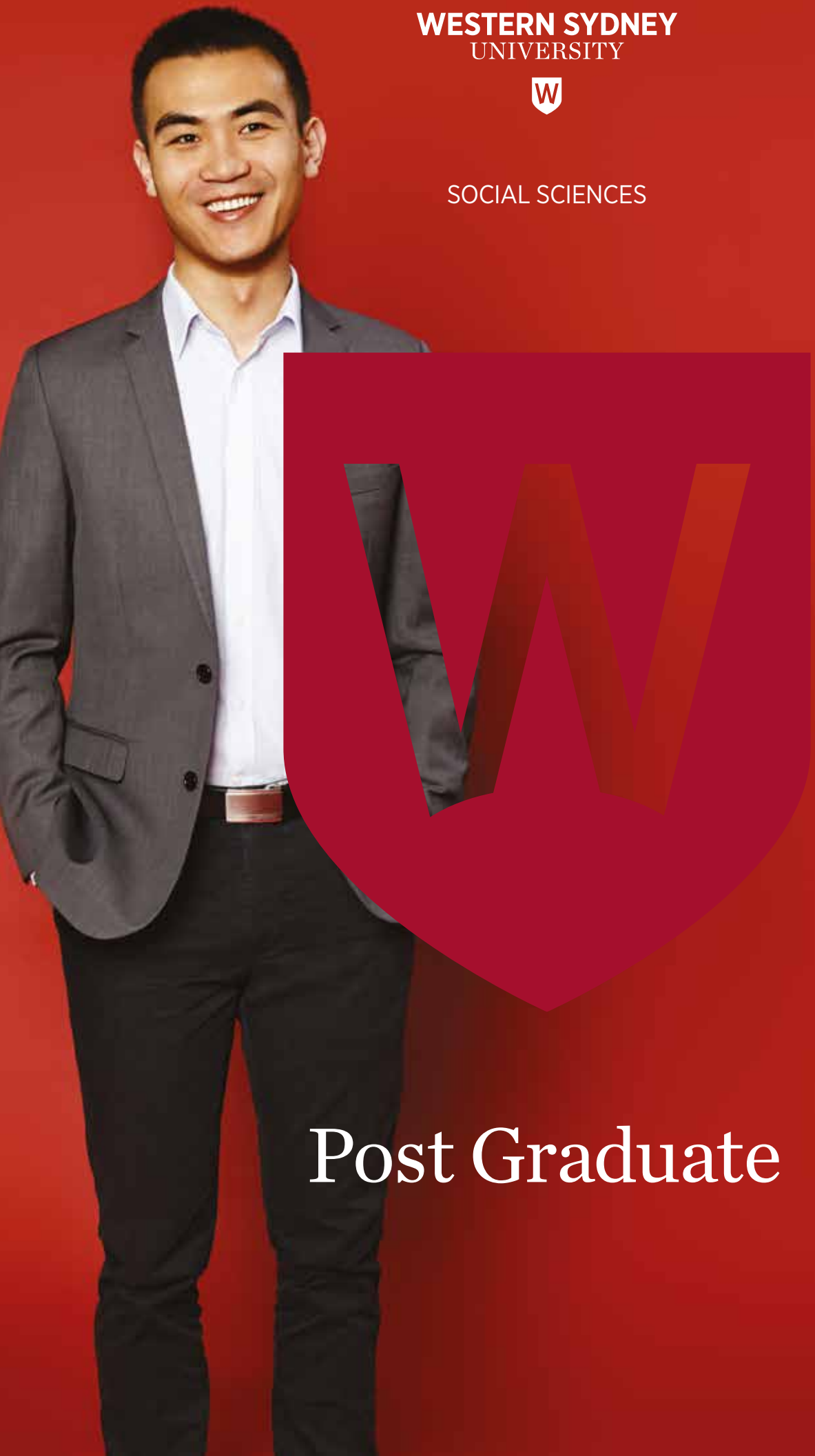
SOCIAL SCIENCES



Post Graduate

SOCIAL WORK

The School of Social Sciences and Psychology at Western Sydney University believes that studying social life, community and organisations can 'make a difference' in the world.

Our staff are actively involved in studying relevant topics in the applied social sciences – topics such as ageing, the use of alcohol and other drugs, empowerment in the workplace, personality, therapies, equity and access, tourism management and urban management, among others.

There is a strong emphasis on our students moving beyond the University and working on projects with people in the community and workplace.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

The Master of Social Work (Qualifying) is aimed at graduates of Social Sciences and other Human Services programs who wish to achieve a professional qualification in social work.

It combines the academic rigour, including research training required for a Masters level qualification, with the practical education required to meet Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) standards.

As a student of Western Sydney University you will undertake traditional academic units as well as completing assessed placements. The combination of blended and work-based learning is a distinguishing feature of this degree.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Community development worker
Working in community development involves collaborating to make collective decisions about how a particular community can move forward in a beneficial way. You work with individuals and families as well as whole communities to provide advice, services and plans for them to achieve particular goals. Often, community development workers act as a link between volunteer organisations and the community.

Casework and case management
A caseworker provides individuals with advice, services and direction that relate to their interests. Caseworkers work for a variety of government, non-government and voluntary organisations usually in the areas of child protection, drug and alcohol services or community health.

Youth worker
Youth workers support and advise young people on their behavioural, environmental or developmental needs. The work involves writing reports, assessing needs and risks as well as conducting programs, amongst other things.

Social policy development
Policy development involves researching, compiling and analysing a range of facts that relate to the benefit of society. It involves working with a range of government agencies and community groups to pinpoint relevant solutions.

Counsellor
Counsellors provide assistance to people struggling with emotional issues and offer advice and guidance. They may specialise in particular areas, such as health, grief management etc.

Juvenile justice worker
Working in juvenile justice may involve counselling, supervising or managing young people detained in a detention facility.

	MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (QUALIFYING)
UAC Code	950818
Apply Direct Code	1792
CRICOS Code	088712G
Duration	2F/4P
Location	Parramatta City
Intakes	March
Admission	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in the area of Health, Education or Society and Culture, majoring in Psychology or Sociology

Key: F = Full-time; P = Part-time.
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SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Master of Social Science offers a flexible design allowing students to select areas of study across the Social Sciences to match their academic interests and/or career pathway.

Specialisations for this degree are:

- Art Therapy
- Counselling
- Development, Security & Sustainability
- Policing Leadership
- Urban Studies
- Difference & Diversity
- Digital Research & Social Data Analytics
- International Criminology
- Religion & Society.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

The Master of Social Science is designed as a generalist research-based core with specialisations in a range of social science areas of study. Students gain an in-depth grounding in theory, research and policy, including the completion of a research thesis, suitable for high-level professional work across the social sciences. In recognition of the cultural diversity of Australia, and our place in the global society, the core study is embedded with a focus on difference and diversity. In addition to the core study, graduates complete at least one specialised area of study.

For students interested in further study, the research core of the degree is preparation for PhD study.

Students may exit this course with a Graduate Certificate in Social Science after completing 40 credit points of core units.

Students may exit this course with a Graduate Diploma in Social Science after completing 80 credit points, consisting of 60 credit points of core units and 20 credit points from one of the specialisations listed.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates from the Master of Social Science are equipped to work at a high level of professionalism and independence as policy workers, researchers, advisers and analysists across government, non-government and community agencies.

Depending on the choice of specialisation, graduates are also well-placed for government and NGO employment in international agencies and organisations.

	MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE	GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL SCIENCE	GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE
UAC Code	950806	950807	950808
Apply Direct Code	1770	1771	1772
CRICOS Code	059409K	061589E	064144K
Duration	2F/4P	1F/2P	0.5F/1P
Location	Parramatta City	Parramatta City	Parramatta City
Intakes	March and July	Autumn (March), Spring (July)	Autumn (March), Spring (July)
Admission	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree or postgraduate degree in the broad field of social science.	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree and/or postgraduate qualification in the broad field of social sciences.	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree and/or postgraduate qualification in the broad field of social sciences OR Have a minimum of three years full-time equivalent work experience within the broad field of social sciences.

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RELIGION AND SOCIETY

The Religion and Society specialisation has been designed to incorporate specialised study with the core program in the Master of Social Science.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

On completion, you will have an in-depth grounding in social science theory and research and specialised knowledge and skills in the field of Religion and Society. This specialisation has been developed for Western Sydney University students in response to the current global renaissance of religion and spirituality.

From a sociological perspective there is a need for professionals and experts who can respond to these developments from a non-theological perspective for the benefit of social harmony in Australia and the region. As a graduate you will demonstrate high-level mastery in theory and practice in the social sciences with specialised knowledge and skills in Religion and Society.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As you complete the specialisation in Religion and Society you will be well positioned to take up high-level policy and research positions in the public and private spheres. Our graduates are well qualified to work as policy analysts and researchers within the social sciences in general.

	MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (RELIGION AND SOCIETY)
UAC Code	950846
Apply Direct Code	1770
CRICOS Code	059409K
Duration	2F/4P
Location	Parramatta City
Intakes	March and July
Admission	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree and/or postgraduate qualification in the broad field of social sciences.

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POLICING AND LEADERSHIP

The Policing Leadership specialisation has been developed to serve the needs of serving police leaders who are seeking a Masters qualification in the social sciences or wish to complete a PhD.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

On completion, graduates will have an in-depth grounding in theory and research in the social sciences that complements their existing specialised knowledge and skills in the field of Policing Leadership. Our graduates demonstrate high-level mastery in theory and practice in the social sciences with a specialised knowledge and skills in Policing Leadership.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates will find roles in policing, other Commonwealth or state law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, intelligence agencies, border protection, security management, fraud management, as well as investigation roles within corporate or local government sectors.

	MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (POLICING AND LEADERSHIP)
UAC Code	950843
Apply Direct Code	1770
CRICOS Code	059409K
Duration	2F/4P
Location	Parramatta City
Intakes	March and July
Admission	This pathway is only available to students who have completed the Graduate Diploma in Strategic Leadership Program at NSW Police Management and Leadership Centre; or the Graduate Diploma of Executive Leadership (Policing and Emergency Services) at the Australian Institute of Police Management.

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INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY

Views of crime and law enforcement as mostly occurring inside each nation state are now outmoded. We live in a globalised world characterised by the rapid transfer and exchange of finance and people, and this has mixed effects on human wellbeing and social justice.

The Master of Social Science (International Criminology) is designed with this in mind and for those with a passion for social justice in the sphere of criminology.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Built on the social science core, providing an in-depth grounding in theory, research and policy, including the completion of a research thesis, International Criminology takes you into the globalised world of crime and enforcement and the place of justice.

Units are taught by staff with a national and international reputation for their expertise in the areas of criminal offending, victimisation and law enforcement. Unlike traditional University units, these will be taught in a flexible environment of online and face-to-face formats.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Master of Social Science (International Criminology) will find career opportunities in criminal justice policy, international law enforcement, and work in the global development and non-government organisation sector.

	MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY)
UAC Code	950840
Apply Direct Code	1770
CRICOS Code	059409K
Duration	2F/4P
Location	Parramatta City
Intakes	March and July
Admission	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in the broad field of social science.

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DIFFERENCE AND DIVERSITY

The Master of Social Science (Difference and Diversity) reflects and engages with our local, national and global realities. Students undertaking this specialisation will have the opportunity to explore in-depth theoretical and practical aspects of the social world through the lens of difference and diversity. With an emphasis on social justice and equality, the specialisation enables students to draw on their own backgrounds and experiences to conceptualise ways of being that embed difference and diversity.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Built on the social science core, providing an in-depth grounding in theory, research and policy, including the completion of a research thesis, the Master of Social Science (Difference and Diversity) provides specialised knowledge and skills in the study of Difference and Diversity.

In the specialisation you will engage with contemporary questions and debates of power and inequality centring on difference and diversity in first world and majority world contexts. Social relations of difference situated around structures of race, ethnicity, religion, disability, gender, sexuality and class will be analysed in terms of their intersecting relations and effects.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates will be well positioned to take up high-level positions in global and national institutions, and Non- Government Organisations (NGOs), as policy analysts, practitioners and researchers.

	MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (DIFFERENCE AND DIVERSITY)
UAC Code	950828
Apply Direct Code	1770
CRICOS Code	059409K
Duration	2F/4P
Location	Parramatta City
Intakes	March and July
Admission	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in the broad field of social science.

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DIGITAL RESEARCH AND SOCIAL DATA ANALYTICS

The Digital Research and Social Data Analytics specialisation has been designed to incorporate specialised study with the core program in the Master of Social Science.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

On completion you will have an in-depth grounding in social science theory and research and specialised knowledge and skills in the field of Digital Research and Social Data Analytics. The purpose of the Digital Research and Social Data Analytics specialisation is to develop your knowledge and skills in the field of digital data research within a critical social sciences framework.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Western Sydney University students completing the specialisation in Digital Research and Social Data Analytics will be well positioned to take up high-level positions within universities and in the public and private spheres as researchers, analysts and social commentators in the field. This specialisation offers you cutting edge skills, knowledge and practice generating opportunities. So, as a graduate of the University, you will be at the forefront of developments in the field of digital research, big data and social analytics.

	MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (DIGITAL RESEARCH AND SOCIAL DATA ANALYTICS)
UAC Code	950834
Apply Direct Code	1770
CRICOS Code	059409K
Duration	2F/4P
Location	Parramatta City
Intakes	March and July
Admission	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in the broad field of social science.

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DEVELOPMENT, SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Development, Security and Sustainability specialisation has been designed to incorporate specialised study with the core program in the Master of Social Science.

On completion you will have in-depth grounding in theory and research in the social sciences and specialised knowledge and skills in the field of Development, Security and Sustainability.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

The focus in the specialisation is on the inter-linkages between development, peace, security and sustainability through theoretical and practical orientations. Upon completing the Development, Security and Sustainability specialisation you will be well positioned to take up high-level employment in the public and private spheres.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The specialisation is proposed so as to meet the needs of the people working, or proposing to work, in international agencies, humanitarian organisations, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) as well as media.

	MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (DEVELOPMENT, SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY)
UAC Code	950822
Apply Direct Code	1770
CRICOS Code	059409K
Duration	2F/4P
Location	Parramatta City
Intakes	March and July
Admission	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in the broad field of social science.

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WHY POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT WESTERN SYDNEY?

You've come a long way. Go further.

Located in the heart of one of Australia's fastest growing economic regions, Western Sydney University offers unlimited potential to postgraduate students with the drive, ambition and will to succeed.

Ranked amongst the top two per cent of universities on the globe, Western Sydney is a world-class university with a growing international reach and reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research.

To take your career to the next level, you need more than classrooms, more than theory.

That's why we offer a combination of on-campus, online and clinical learning environments, with real-life, on-the-ground, hands-on opportunities for skill development in professional and community settings. We value academic excellence, integrity and the pursuit of knowledge.

And we continue to challenge traditional notions of what a university 'should' be by pushing the boundaries of how knowledge is exchanged.

We equip our postgrads with the means to do more than just advance their careers. We are unlocking the potential of the next generation of global citizens, leaders and change-makers.

PROGRESS. UNLIMITED.

Application Information

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

If you have undertaken studies overseas you may need to provide proof of proficiency in English. Minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof are found on the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) website at **uac.edu.au**.

Overseas qualifications must be deemed equivalent by the Australian Education International – National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) – in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

You may be granted special equivalence or advance standing for academic, professional and/or any other qualifications you hold on the basis of evidence submitted at the time of application.

HOW TO APPLY

Postgraduate course applications are processed online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at **uac.edu.au/postgraduate** or you may apply direct to Western Sydney at **https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students must apply directly to Western Sydney University. Part-time mode for this course is not available to international students due to Australian student visa regulations. Application forms and information on admissions are available at **westernsydney.edu.au/international/admissions**

For information about studying at Western Sydney University, including courses, tuition fees, English requirements, intakes, assessment methods, accommodation options and living in Australia, visit **westernsydney.edu.au/international**

POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Postgraduate Information Sessions are held throughout the year, and give you the opportunity to meet academic and professional staff, and to ask questions about courses, admission, fees and more. At these sessions, you will gain a better understanding of course content, what you can expect from the program and possible career paths. To register for a Postgraduate Information Session, visit **westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduatesessions**

To view the full range of postgraduate courses available visit **westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduate**

CONTACT US

To discuss your study goals and career options, contact the Course Information Centre on **1300 897 669** or email **postgraduatestudy@westernsydney.edu.au**

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